

Claims 7 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arimoto. The rejection of claims 7 and 10 is respectfully traversed. Claim 7 is deemed to be allowable as being dependent upon allowable base claim 5, as amended, for the reasons given above. Claim 10 is deemed to be allowable as being dependent upon allowable base claim 8, as amended, for the reasons given above.


New claims 17-20 are presented for examination, and deemed to be allowable for the reasons given above. The recitation of a "common gate terminal" is deemed to be fully supported by drawing FIG. 2. Note that the gates of the P-channel output transistor and the N-channel transistor in the output stage are coupled together at common gate terminal 232. No new matter is deemed to be introduced into new claims 17-20.

In view of all of the above, claims 1-15 and 17-20 are now believed to be allowable and the case in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed due for this submittal. However, any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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